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SUBJ ENERGY: SYNCRUDE OIL SANDS PROJECT

1. MORNING PRESS (DECEMBER 12) REPORTS THAT ENERGY MINISTER MACDONALD IS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR OIL SANDS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. FOLLOWING A MEETING WITH SYNCRUDE OFFICIALS, MACDONALD STATED THAT "A NATIONAL DECISION ON WHETHER THE PROJECT IS WORTH WHILE" WILL HAVE TO BE MADE WITHIN THE NEXT 30 DAYS. "THE GOVERNMENT FACES THE QUESTION OF WHETHER LARGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY SHOULD BE INVESTED IN THE OIL SANDS OR HELD FOR INVESTMENT ON OTHER ENERGY FIELDS". HE ALSO REPORTEDLY OBSERVED IN AN INTERVIEW THAT "I THINK THERE'S A FEELING THAT UNLESS SYNCRUDE GOES AHEAD THERE'S LITTLE PROSPECT OF OTHER PLANTS".

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS, AN ALBERTA GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL RECENTLY STATED THAT IT WOULD NOW TAKE A PRICE OF \$10 PER BARREL TO GIVE OIL SANDS COMPANIES A RETURN OF 30 CENTS A BARREL.

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